

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1,111

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~~one of the non-compatible thermoplastic resins and/or elastomer being a propylene polymer, and the other being an ethylene polymer, and the thermoplastic resins and/or elastomers form a multilayer distributed structure in the resin matrix.~~

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11. (Amended) An oxygen-absorbing agent comprising oxygen-absorbing agent particles which comprise a reducing iron powder and an oxidation-promoting agent or a catalyst firmly adhered to surfaces of said reducing iron powder, and which has a specific surface area of not smaller than $0.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and an apparent density of not larger than 2.2 g/cc , and in which the oxidation-promoting agent or the catalyst is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 5% by weight per the reducing iron powder, wherein the oxygen absorbing agent particles have an average particle diameter of 10 to $50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ as measured by a laser scattering method and an aspect ratio (short axis size/long axis size) of 0.6 or below being present in an amount of at least 50% and is a flat or spindle-shaped particle having a compression degree of at least 20%.
